

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method of facilitating exchange of messages at a computerized message exchange system, comprising:
 - storing a first plurality of greetings at said system, each of said first plurality of greetings associated with users of a first introduction service provider;
 - storing a second plurality of greetings at said server, each of said second plurality of greetings associated with a user of an introduction service provider, different from said first introduction service provider;
 - allowing users associated with said first introduction service provider, access to selected ones of said second plurality of greetings, based on criteria associated with an originator of each of said selected ones of said second greetings, and criteria set by said first introduction service provider.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein
 - said allowing limits said second plurality of greetings to greetings associated with users of introduction service providers authorized by said first introduction service provider.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein
 - said allowing limits said second plurality of greetings to greetings associated with users having interests sanctioned by said first introduction service provider.
4. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein
 - said allowing comprises using data stored within a first field at said server, and associated with said first service provider, to determine users of which other service providers are authorized by said first introduction service provider.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein
said allowing comprises using data stored in a second field at said server, and
associated with said first service provider, to determine said interests that are
sanctioned by said first introduction service provider.
6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein said allowing comprises
generating a database query, and querying a database of user records to extract
said selected ones of said second plurality of greetings.
7. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said first field contains a binary mask.
8. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein said second field contains a binary mask.
9. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said allowing comprises determining
service provider identifiers corresponding to said binary mask in said first field.
10. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising permitting a user of said first
service provider to send a message to said users associated with said selected ones
of said second plurality of greetings.
11. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising levying a charge for sending
said message, and tallying a total of charges for users associated with said first
service provider.
12. (original) A message exchange system, comprising computer readable memory
storing:
a first plurality of greetings, each of said first plurality of greetings associated
with users of a first introduction service;
a second plurality of greetings, each of said second plurality of greetings

associated with a user of an introduction service, different from said first introduction service;
software allowing users associated with said first service provider, access to a selected one of said second plurality of greetings, based on criteria associated with an originator of said selected one of said second greetings, and criteria set by said first service provider.

13. (original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a database storing records associated with each of said users associated with said first service provider.
14. (original) The system of claim 13, wherein said software generates database queries, and queries said database to extract said selected ones of said second plurality of greetings.
15. (original) The system of claim 12, further comprising an interactive voice response ("IVR") unit, for obtaining instructions from said user by way of a telephone network.
16. (original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a network data interactive for obtaining instructions from said user by way of a data network.
17. (original) Computer readable medium, storing processor executable instructions, that when loaded at computerized message exchange system comprising a processor, adapt said computerized message exchange system to:
 - store a first plurality of greetings at said system, each of said first plurality of greetings associated with users of a first introduction service provider;
 - store a second plurality of greetings at said server, each of said second plurality of greetings associated with a user of an introduction service provider, different from said first introduction service provider;
 - allow users associated with said first introduction service provider access to

selected ones of said second plurality of greetings, based on criteria associated with an originator of each of said selected ones of said second greetings, and criteria set by said first introduction service provider.

18. (new) The method of Claim 1, wherein said criteria comprise at least one of interest, age, and gender of said originator of each of said selected ones of said second greetings.
19. (new) The system of Claim 12, wherein said criteria comprise at least one of interest, age, and gender of said originator of each of said selected ones of said second greetings.
20. (new) The system of Claim 17, wherein said criteria comprise at least one of interest, age, and gender of said originator of each of said selected ones of said second greetings.